

releasably securing each said weight member to said main body member in abutting relation, and each said weight member having a density greater than the density of said main body member.

Remarks

Applicant acknowledges the allowance of Claims 1 through 11 and the rejection of Claim 12 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Sun, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,450,894).

Anticipation under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) requires that the prior art reference cited show each and every element claimed. Without this showing, anticipation does not exist. *General Elec. Co. v. U.S. Ct. Cl.*, (1978) 572 F.2d 745, 215 Ct. Cl. 636, 198 U.S.P.Q. 65.

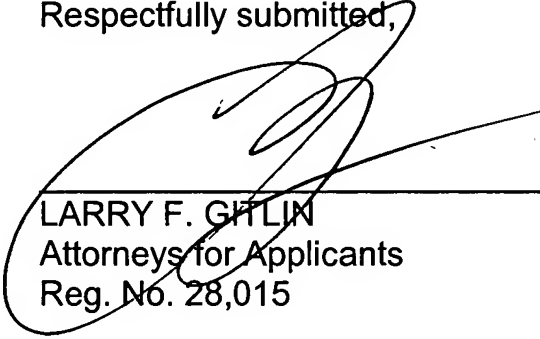
Claim 12 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Sun. The invention disclosed in Sun is significantly different in one principal respect from the invention recited in Claim 12, as amended, namely that Sun discloses screws 19 and 20, which threadably engage threaded holes 11d in the central portion to retain the end portions. Screws 19 and 20 are distinctly separate pieces that are inserted into openings in each of the end portions and ultimately into the threaded holes 11d to secure the end portions to the central portion. In contrast to the integrated weight member and threaded rod that are formed as a one-piece or single unit, as recited in amended Claim 12, the screw and end portion taught by the

cited reference do not comprise a one-piece integrated unit, but rather two distinctly separate pieces.

Accordingly, since Sun does not "show each and every element claimed in the cited reference", the rejection of Claim 12 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) cannot stand and, thus, should be withdrawn.

Thus, Claim 12 is now in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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